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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: MEXICAN ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION
RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 4033

1. SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED NOV. 4 DRAFT RES (A/C1/31/L.4)
COSPONSORED BY ARGENTINA, MEXICO, PANAMA, AND PERU,
CALLING ON CCD TO "CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS" ON AN ENVIRON-
MENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION (TEXT BELOW). LATER IN
DAY ECUADOR AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC JOINED AS COSPONSORS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MEXICAN INITIATIVE, AND AFTER CONVER-
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SATION WITH US AND SOVIET DELS, FINNS HAVE DECIDED TO

PROCEED ON NOVEMBER 5 WITH FORMAL TABLING OF RES
COMMENDING CONVENTION TRANSMITTED TO UNGA BY CCD.
INITIAL COSPONSORS WILL BE CANADA, DENMARK, FINLAND,
HUNGARY, MONGOLIA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND,
AND UK. SO FAR, NO NONALIGNED HAVE AGREED TO COSPONSOR
ALTHOUGH SOME (E.G., INDIA) MAY JOIN LATER.

3. COMMENT: MEXICAN RES, BY AVOIDING ANY EFFORT TO
AMEND TEXT OR PREJUDICE NEGOTIATIONS, CREATES SERIOUS
DIFFICULTIES FOR OUR EFFORT TO OBTAIN UNGA ENDORSEMENT
OF CONVENTION AS TRANSMITTED BY CCD. MANY NONALIGNED
ARE LIKELY TO REGARD RES AS MODERATE "COMPROMISE"
AND MAY THEREFORE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE. MORE-
OVER, EARLY SUBMISSION OF DRAFT GIVES IT VOTING
PRECEDENCE OVER US-SOVIET-FINNISH RES, UNLESS A
DECISION IS TAKEN TO THE CONTRARY. DEL WILL CONTINUE
TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR ENDORSING RES, ESPECIALLY AMONG
NONALIGNED, AND WILL EXPLORE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS IN
AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN VOTING PRECEDENCE FOR IT. END
COMMENT.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEXICAN DRAFT RES:

QUOTE

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER
HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES

ARGENTINA, MEXICO, PANAMA AND PERU: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3264 (XXIX) OF 9 DECMEBER 1974
AND 3475 (XXX) OF 11 DECEMBER 1975,

REITERATING ITS CONVICTION THAT THE CONCLUSION OF A CONVENTION
ON THE PROHIBITION OF ACTION TO INFLUENCE THE ENVIRONMENT
AND CLIMATE FOR MILITARY AND OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSES WOULD
CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF STRENGTHENING PEACE AND
AVERTING THE THREAT OF WAR,
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CONVINCED ALSO THAT SUCH A CONVENTION SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE USE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES,
WHICH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF
THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE
GENERATIONS,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE

COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT AS IT RELATES TO THIS QUESTION,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE
PREPARATION OF THE TEXT OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE MATTER,

1. REQUESTS THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT,
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED IN ITS PROGRAMME
OF WORK, TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TEXT OF A DRAFT
CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE
USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES, BEARING IN MIND
THE PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AS
WELL AS THE RELEVANT DISCUSSION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WITH
A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON A TEXT WHICH
WOULD BE WIDELY ACCEPTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT TO THE CONFERENCE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE
DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION;

3. DECIDES TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF ITS
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION AN ITEM ENTITLED "CONVENTION ON THE
PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES".
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